There is the independent Atomic Energy Regulatory Commission which looks at the safeguards. But I will try to explain to the House that the current policy is that a Government company must have, at least, 51 per cent Central Government equity, as against any other private company; State is also considered as Government. In the field of atomic energy, 51 per cent equity has to be held by the Central Government. That is the current policy. We are allowing private sector participation as a minority partnership, if anybody wants to come.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Theft of coal

†*344. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of complaints have ^een received with regard to the theft of coal from Gevara/Deepika areerof South Eastern Coalfields Ltd.;

(b) whether it is a fact that keeping in view the seriousness of the matter in pursuance of their enquiry the State Government have demanded a C.B.I, enquiry;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any action has been taken or proposed in this regard, so far; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The State Government of Chhattisgarh, *vide* its letters dated 31.07.03 and 21.11.03 suggested an enquiry by Central Bureau of Investigation keeping in view the serious nature of allegations relating to theft of coal.

(d) and (e) The Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) have referred the complaints to CBI for appropriate action.

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.